(b) whether Government are aware that more than 200 workers died in job oriented accidents at Alang ship breaking yard during the last 10 years and a vast majority of workers suffer from diseases like asthama and TB, because of inhaling asbestos and other substances, while dismantling the ship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from the State Government of Gujarat, the workers do not suffer from diseases like asthama and TB, because of inhaling asbestos and other substances, while dismantling the ship.

Creation of jobs by private sector in Jharkhand

820. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many jobs would be created in Jharkhand in private sector during the next three years;

(b) what is the provision of employment for the locals/tribals to be employed in these proposed private sector industries;

(c) whether any package being worked out with the corporate sector to this effect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per the information available from the State of Jharkhand, various Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed with corporate houses for establishement of industries. This will result in creation of large number of jobs in private sector.

(b) With the establishment of big industries, the local/tribal people along with others will get employment in these organizations. At the moment there is no provision for reservation to locals or tribals in jobs in the private sector. However, there is provision to provide job to locals/tribals who will be displaced by such industries. However, a farm policy for displaced persons/families is not in place at the moment.

(c) and (d) Corporate sector, who are proposing investment in the state, as a part of their corporate social responsibilities, have been asked to strengthen existing ITIs & Polytechnics and to develop teaching infrastructure in the state for developing and imparting technical skills and aptitude among local youth and create opportunities for providing employment to local youth/tribals.

Registered trade unions in SEZs

†821. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new trade unions registered so far in Special Economic Zones operating in the country at present;

(b) the number of trade unions already registered in those Zones;

(c) the number of member-workers of all the new and the old trade unions operating in those Zones; and

(d) whether formation of new trade unions in these Special Economic Zones would not be possible now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vocational training centres in Tamil Nadu

822. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vocational training centres set up under Central schemes for providing Craftsmanship/Apprenticeship Training in Tamil Nadu, district-wise, with the intake of each;

(b) when these training centres were upgraded last; and

(c) the steps taken to provide training to rural youth through these centres, so as to train them to take up jobs in BPO centres, call centres, etc.?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.